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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76319

Yasuhiro KOUCHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/627,757

Group Art Unit: 1634

Confirmation No.: 3310

Examiner: J. S. Sitton

Filed: July 28, 2003

For: GENE ASSAY METHOD FOR PREDICTING GLAUCOMA ONSET RISK

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated September 12, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-8 and 10, for examination on the merits, without traverse.

The Examiner also requires election of a specific SEQ ID number. In view of some confusion with regard to this requirement, the undersigned had a telephone conference with the Examiner on October 6, 2005. During the telephone call the Examiner stated that Applicants could elect the two primer pairs that are used to amplify exons 7 and 10, i.e., SEQ ID NOs: 21 and 22, and 27 and 28, respectively. Applicants and the undersigned thank the Examiner for the consideration shown during the telephone conference.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 9 and 11.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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